



City of Richmond

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Minutes

Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Kristen Larson – Committee member
Bonnie Ashley, Deputy City Attorney
Lisa Braxton, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Bill Echelberger Jr., Council Budget Analyst
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Alexander Rawles, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Ellen Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Pamela Nichols, assistant city clerk, provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Approval of Minutes

Member Kristen Larson moved to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Board Vacancies

Alexander Rawles, boards and commissions administrator, reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Member Larson expressed concern that the inactivity of the Urban Forestry Commission was due to a lack of support from city staff. Ms. Larson agreed to work with Mr. Rawles and other city staff regarding the matter.

It was the consensus of the committee to forward the following board applications to Council with the recommendation to approve, to continue consideration of the board applications for the Urban Forestry Commission to the March Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting and to have the board applications for the City Planning Commission considered at the next Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Safe and Healthy Streets Commission (12 members)	Qualified voters of the city who hold no office of profit with the city (1 vacancy)	Kathryn M. Benedict
	Expertise in transportation safety * (1 vacancy)	Michael Todd (reappointment)
Slave Trail Commission (17 members)	Members of the "Hope in the Cities" organization * (3 vacancies)	Elnora H. Allen Rev. Dr. Paige Lanier Chargois
	Representative from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (1 vacancy)	Heywood Harrison
	* (12 vacancies)	Dr. Bryan Clark Green Christopher Rashad Green Shonda M. Harris-Muhammed Sgt. Stacy J. Henry Alfred Powell, Jr. Colin Rafferty Sylvia C. Wood

* Applicants must reside or work in the city.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Presentations

Update on Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA)

Orlando Artze, RRHA interim chief executive officer, provided an update on recent heating repairs in the Creighton Court Public housing community. He reported that RRHA board of commissioners recently created two individual working groups, to develop an emergency response system and to ensure maintenance and capital improvement projects were properly prioritized. Mr. Artze emphasized that RRHA manages the public housing for the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); however, RRHA must apply for competitive funding to rehabilitate or redevelop housing units.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Chair Ellen Robertson stated that she would like a more in depth discussion with all members of Council regarding RRHA, and she will ask the Organizational Development Standing Committee's Chair to consider having a discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

RES. 2017-R086

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer establish and implement a policy and methodology to require that any residential development agreement to which the City is a party or involving City

financial incentives mandate that a minimum percentage of the new residential development's total units be designated as affordable housing.

Patron: Ms. Robertson

Chair Ellen Robertson reported that she was working on an amendment to RES. 2017-R086 and would like to continue the proposed legislation to the next committee meeting.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to continue RES. 2017-R086 to the March 20, 2018 Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinances were considered:

ORD. 2018-024

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1315 North 27th Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$2,136.00 to the Better Housing Coalition for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2018-032

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2922 P Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$2,399.00 to The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

ORD. 2018-033

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 2615 Q Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property for \$2,152.00 to The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust for the purposes of eliminating blight and making such property available for redevelopment.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Nicholas Feucht, special assistant to the DCAO – Department of Economic and Community Development, introduced ORD. 2018-024, ORD. 2018-032 and ORD. 2018-033.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Larson moved to forward ORD. 2018-024, ORD. 2018-032 and ORD. 2017-033 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-025

To amend City Code §§ 14-231, 14-232, and 14-234, concerning Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area designation criteria, to incorporate therein stream determination requirements from a Commonwealth of Virginia guidance document; to amend City Code §§ 14-263, 14-335, and 15-130, concerning performance criteria for the use, development, or redevelopment of land in Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas, the enforcement of the Richmond Stormwater Management Program Ordinance, and the maintenance of septic systems within Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas,

respectively, and to amend ch. 14, art. IV, div. 5 of the City Code, concerning the administration and enforcement of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Program, by adding therein a new § 14-295, concerning enforcement, to provide for an enforcement mechanism for the septic pumping requirement.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Jonet Prevost-White, operations manager – Department of Public Utilities, introduced ORD. 2018-025.

Vice Chair Gray requested a copy of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's audit.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-025 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-026

To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of certain easements upon, over, under, and across certain property located at 3801 Douglasdale Road for the construction, maintenance, and operation of electrical power transmission and distribution lines and associated appurtenances in accordance with a certain Right of Way Agreement.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Robert Steidel, deputy chief administrative officer for Operations, introduced ORD. 2018-026.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Larson moved to forward ORD. 2018-026 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-034

To authorize the institution of condemnation proceedings to finalize the acquisition of certain interests in portions of the properties known as 2801 Hathaway Road and 2911 Hathaway Road for the construction of multimodal transportation and drainage improvements along Forest Hill Avenue between its intersection with Hathaway Road and its intersection with the Powhite Parkway.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Lamont Benjamin, capital improvement project administrator – Department of Public Works, introduced ORD. 2018.034.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Larson moved to forward ORD. 2018-034 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-035

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a License Agreement between the City of Richmond as Licensor and the Monroe Park Conservancy as Licensee for the purpose of facilitating the completion of certain improvements approved by the City at Monroe Park located at 719 West Franklin Street in the city of Richmond.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Don Summers, capital projects manager – Department of Public Works, introduced ORD. 2018-035.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-035 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2018-036

To designate the 2700 block of East Grace Street in honor of Oliver R. H. Singleton.

Patrons: Ms. Robertson and Vice President Newbille

Chair Ellen Robertson introduced ORD. 2018-036.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Gray moved to forward ORD. 2018-036 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2018-R010

To direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to place Crooked Branch Ravine Park under the protection of a conservation easement as state law defines that term and to present such documents to the Council as soon as possible after receipt of the requisite grantee name, legal description, and drawings depicting the metes and bounds of Crooked Branch Ravine Park.

Patron: Ms. Larson

Member Kristen Larson introduced RES. 2018-R010.

Support

Bill Shanabruch spoke in support of the proposed legislation stating that the Crooked Branch Ravine Park was a special natural place in the city and should be preserved.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Member Larson moved to forward RES. 2018-R010 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, council policy analyst, and Bill Echelberger, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the February staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.